

REDUCED LATENCY FOR RECOVERY FROM COMMUNICATIONS ERRORS**ABSTRACT**

[0054] Methods and apparatus for reducing latency for communication error recovery includes recognizing that an incoming message is due, and requesting retransmission if that message is not properly received. A message is transmitted as two message portions, the first message portion transmitted at a first power level, and the second message portion, which is associated with the first message portion, transmitted at a second lower power level. The first power level is chosen to provide a predetermined probability that the first message portion will be successfully received. Alternatively, the first and second message portions are transmitted such that the first message portion has a greater energy per bit than does the second message portion. At a first time, the first message portion is received. At a second time, wherein the second time has a known relationship to the first time, a signal is received from which the second message portion is not reliably obtained. The receiving device recognizes that the second message portion was not properly received and requests retransmission of at least the second message portion.